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SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2009, please consider this submission accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account 10-0435, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.